

REMARKS

Applicants request amendments to claims 10 and 36-40. Specifically, Applicants amend claims 10, 38 and 39 by deleting the term “end plate” (see the clause directed to the “gasket”) in favor of “endplate” to be consistent with the remainder of the claims. Applicants amend claims 36 and 37 by deleting the term “guidance means” in favor of “guiding means” to be consistent with claims 4 and 13, respectively. Applicants amend claim 40 by deleting the term “fasten” in favor of “fastened” to be grammatically correct.

The requested amendments are necessary to correct typographical errors and for the sake of internal consistency. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Rule 312 Amendment.

The Commissioner is authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4446 for any additional fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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